

FIELD TRIPS OF THE CLUB

WEEK-END AT THE LAKE MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE, OCTOBER 23-25, 1936

The majority of the group arrived on Friday evening and stayed through until Sunday afternoon. The accommodations were at the Lake Mohonk Mountain House. Eighteen members and friends were present with Daniel Smiley, Jr., as leader.

On Saturday morning the start was made in a heavy fog, accompanied by the notes of cornet across the Lake. Within an hour it began to clear and soon the sun was out brilliantly showing the late autumn foliage at its best. The route was over roads and trails through a variety of country on the 7,000 acres of the Mohonk property. Rhododendron swamp was visited. Box lunches were waiting for the party at the old log cabin which was built about 1770.

The afternoon route led through a fine stand of hemlock, through Glen Anna and eventually to Sky Top where the panoramic view of the valleys and mountains in the late afternoon light was enjoyed. The mileage for the day was 8.3.

On Sunday morning, 4.9 miles were covered, the route being to Kleinekill Lake. On the return trip, the Mohonk Green House was visited.

Due to the dampness on Saturday, mosses and lichens were in particularly fine condition and many species were observed with interest. A small colony of *Selaginella rupestris* was found on Sunday. A goodly number of plants, actually in blossom, were noted. The total being 42. (See attached list for species.) Many of these were late blossoms from plants that had been cut down earlier in the season. Of particular interest were the fruiting plants of two species of *Ilex*, the common Winterberry *I. verticillata* and the rare, large-leaved Holly, *I. monticola*. The large berries of the latter made it a very showy shrub as we found it along the trails.

Plants found in blossom included the following: Deptford Pink, *Dianthus Armeria*; Bladder Champion, *Silene latifolia*; White Champion, *Lychnis alba*; Buttercup, *Ranunculus acris*; Corydalis, *Corydalis sempervirens*; Wild Strawberry, *Fragaria virginiana*; Rough Fruited Cinquefoil, *Potentilla recta*; Red Clover, *Trifolium pratense*; Alsike Clover, *T. hybridum*; Hop

Clover, *T. agrarium*; Yellow Sweet Clover, *Melilotus officinalis*; White Sweet Clover, *Melilotus alba*; Cuphea, *Cuphea petiolata*; Queen Anne's Lace, *Dacus Carota*; Indian Pipe, *Monotropa uniflora*; Blueberry, *Vaccinium vacillans*; Stiff Gentian, *Gentiana quinquefolia*; Vipers Bugloss, *Echium vulgare*; Self Heal, *Prunella vulgaris*; Common Mullein, *Verbascum Thapsus*; Butter and Eggs, *Linaria vulgaris*; Blue stemmed Goldenrod, *Solidago caesia*; Showy Goldenrod, *S. speciosa*; Hairy Goldenrod, *S. rugosa*; Early Goldenrod, *S. serotina*; White Wood Aster, *Aster divaricatus*; New England Aster, *A. Novae-Angliae*; Heart-leaved Aster, *A. cordifolius*; Bushy Aster, *A. dumosus*; White Top Aster, *A. umbellatus*; Lowrie's Aster, *A. Lowrieanus*; Lance leaved Aster, *A. sp.*; Daisy Fleabane, *Erigeron* sp.; Black-eyed Susan, *Rudbeckia hirta*; Yarrow, *Achillea Millefolium*; Canada Thistle, *Cirsium arvense*; Field Thistle, *Cirsium discolor*; Knapweed, *Centaurea maculata*; Chicory, *Cichorium Intybus*; Oyster Plant, *Tragopogon pratensis*; Rattlesnake Weed, *Hieracium scabrum*; Dandelion, *Taraxacum officinale*.

The following species of birds were observed: Ruffed Grouse, Marsh Hawk, Red Tailed Hawk, Downy Woodpecker, Crow, Starling, Bluejay, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Chickadee, Hermit Thrush, Gold Finch, Junco, White Throated Sparrow.

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